

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: HNALL 06/32A

This announcement is for a full performance level. The position is also advertised at a lower grade level (trainee level). Please see the ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER HNALL 06/32B for reference. (Applicants who responded to Vacancy Announcement HNALL 06/29 need not reapply)

NOTE: All applicants who are not Family Members of U.S. Government employees officially assigned to Post and under Chief of Mission (COM) authority must have required work and residency permits to be eligible for consideration.

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: **Information Assistant, FSN-7; FP-7***

OPENING DATE: November 29, 2006

CLOSING DATE: December 6, 2006

WORK HOURS: Full-time, 40 hours/week

ANNUAL SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (holding diplomatic passport): US\$31,526 (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FP-7 will be confirmed by Washington)

*Ordinarily Resident: US\$6,349 (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FSN-7)

LENGTH OF HIRE: Long-term. Actual filling of the position is contingent upon the availability of funds.

The Embassy of the United States of America in Hanoi is seeking an individual for employment in Vietnam for the position of Information Assistant in the Public Affairs Section (PAS) in Hanoi.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

Incumbent of this position will provide overall support and backup to Post's Senior Information Assistant. Incumbent will be responsible for monitoring and translating articles from Vietnamese media on U.S.-related issues and interests for distribution within the Mission and to other USG contacts; advise Public Affairs Officer and Information Assistant on trends and issues of U.S. interest in Vietnamese and international media; assist with coordination of press events; help identify and organize media-related education and exchange programs and grant opportunities. The incumbent may also serve as official Post photographer for VIP visits and other significant events.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office, Hanoi.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants are instructed to address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. A University degree in social sciences, international relations, journalism, or English is required.
2. Must have at least two years experience in communications/media-related work as journalist, researcher or writer.
3. A thorough knowledge of Vietnam's economic, political and social policies, structures and institutions is required. Must be conversant with current world events and especially with issues in U.S.-Vietnam relations that are of interest to USG interlocutors.
4. Must have ability to identify items in the press of interest to media reaction readers and to briefly and accurately present them in English. Must have strong drafting and translation skills. Ability to develop and maintain excellent contacts and working relationships with journalists, editors and government officials is required.
5. Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading English is required. Level 5 (Professional) Speaking/Reading Vietnamese is required. This will be tested.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, American Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that candidates address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed American citizen EFMs who hold an FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
5. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold Post security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following, or the application will not be considered:

1. Not-Ordinary Resident (NOR): Application for Federal Employment (OF-612 or DS-1950)
2. Ordinary Resident (OR) includes all Vietnamese nationals: Post form "Application for Employment with the U.S. Mission to Vietnam" available on the website.
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned, etc.) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

You may download the application form at http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html#appforms or paper copies are available from the security guard main gate at the U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Officer
U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi

All applications must be put in sealed envelopes and addressed to the Human Resources Officer to receive consideration. Please write clearly on your envelope the position for which you are applying.

POINT OF CONTACT

Human Resources Office
U.S. Embassy Hanoi
Tel. 84-4-772-1500
FAX: 84-4-772-0697

DEFINITIONS

1. American Citizen Eligible Family Member (AEFM): A type of Eligible Family Member (EFM) that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:
 - U.S. citizen;
 - Spouse or child who is at least age 18;
 - Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;
 - Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safe haven abroad, or alternate safe haven abroad; and
 - Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the U.S. Civil, Foreign or uniform services.
2. Eligible Family Member (EFM): Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
3. Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2) Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at Post with the sponsoring employee.
4. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.
5. Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are AEFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniform service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: DECEMBER 6, 2006

(All applications must be received by the closing date to receive consideration)

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The US Mission in Vietnam provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital

status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.